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APPLICANT(S): John C. Hermansen
APPLICATION NUMBER: 10/055,178 EXAMINER: Joon H. Hwang
FILING DATE: January 25, 2002 ART UNIT: 2172
FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ADAPTIVE MULTI-CULTURAL
SEARCHING AND MATCHING PERSONAL NAMES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement set forth in an Office Action (Paper No. 7) mailed February 10, 2003, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention of Group I encompassed by claims 1-17, drawn to retrieving name information stored in a database based on a query input, classified in class 707, subclass 3. Applicant's election is made without prejudice. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 18-28 (Group II), and 29-31 (Group III) be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims and species in a continuation or divisional application.


If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that no other fees are due in connection with filing this Response.

In the event that it is determined that fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Docket No. 20837-007-401.

Dated: March 7, 2003

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